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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. John O'Gara
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FROM: Chairman, EDIC

SUBJECT: Subcommittees of the Economic Defense
Intelligence Committee (EDIC)

The attached memorandum has been prepared in response to Mr. Patterson of the White House staff, who has requested information on EDIC subgroups in connection with the Committee Management Program. Mr. Patterson suggested that this information be transmitted to him through your office.

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Attachment:

Subcommittees of the Economic Defense Intelligence Committee (EDIC)

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SUBCOMMITTEES OF THE ECONOMIC DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE (EDIC)

At present the EDIC structure is undergoing a reorganization, having dissolved 15 standing and ad hoc subgroups in April, 1955. The following subgroups are expected to be reestablished in the near future as permanent EDIC subcommittees:

1. East-West Trade Collection Requirements

Chairing Agency: CIA

Purpose: To review collection requirements for economic defense information; to recommend priorities; to review the fulfillment of such requirements, and identify critical gaps; to recommend appropriate collection action, and to promote the coordination and consolidation of outstanding instructions and statements of requirements.

2. East-West Trade Statistics

Chairing Agency: Commerce

Purpose: To survey statistical reporting on East-West trade, assess its adequacy to meet the needs of the economic defense program, identify deficiencies, and recommend improvements.

3. External Financial Operations of the Soviet Bloc

Chairing Agency: Treasury

Purpose: To survey analysis, data, facilities and source materials on this subject; to assist in formulating requirements for financial intelligence on East-West trade; to assist in planning research, including priorities, on bloc external financial operations.

In addition, EDIC is expected to form ad hoc working groups from time to time.

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